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METHOD FOR AUTHORIZATION**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION****FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention concerns a method for granting access to restricted areas such as computers, doors, vehicles, or other areas to which access by a user is controlled.

DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART

Computers and mobile telephones are currently used as equipment for carrying out transactions and for giving a signature of different types. Furthermore, computers are used to an ever greater degree to collect information with different degrees of confidentiality. It is often sufficient to log in with a password or a PIN code in order to subsequently be able to carry out transactions or to handle information during a limited period. This That means that a terminal may might be open for unauthorised use by an unauthorized person if it is left unmonitored, or if it is stolen within a certain time from the time an authorized user having logged in.

In order to prevent this that, there are requirements for codes, or for the use of a magnetic card, or what is known as a "smart card" as a means of identification. One disadvantage of such systems is that the user often experiences these considers them as awkward burdensome, and as a result of this often seeks to exploit shortcuts, which reduces the level of security.

One problem with codes is that these they can be read by eavesdropping an eavesdropper unless the information has been encrypted, which may can create a demand for particular software, hardware, or a password that is to be distributed such that it can be used by the user.

The present invention solves this that problem and offers a method in by which the identity of a user can be established with high security.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present invention thus relates to a method for granting access to devices restricted areas such as computers, doors, vehicles, or other arrangements areas to which access for by a user is desired, comprising the to be controlled. The method includes the transmission of a code over a short-range radio link, and it is characterised in that an An access code (an ID-code) is transmitted from a central computer using radio waves, to a radio terminal in the possession of the user, in that the The radio terminal is caused to transmit transmits the said ID-code over the said short-range radio link to the said arrangement, in that the said arrangement or a restricted area transmits the said ID-code to the said central computer, and in that the said central computer is caused to compare compares the received code with the code that the central computer transmitted to the radio terminal.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

The invention will be described in more detail below, partially in association with the embodiment embodiments of the invention as shown in the attached drawing, wherein

- Figure 1 shows a block diagram ~~in order to illustrate the invention of~~ embodiments of an access control system.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

The present invention thus concerns a method for granting access for arrangements to restricted areas such as computers, doors, vehicles, or other arrangements areas to which it is desired that a user have access. The invention will be described below in association with an example embodiment in which access to a computer is desired, and also an example embodiment in which access to a locked door is desired. However, the invention can be exploited utilized for all arrangements other restricted areas to which it is desired to grant access, such as vehicles, telephones, etc.

The method comprises includes the transmission to the arrangement restricted area of an ID-code over a short-range radio link.

According to the invention, an access code (an ID-code) is transmitted from a central computer 1 over radio waves to a radio terminal 3 in the possession of the user. The radio terminal may can be, for example, and preferably is, a mobile telephone. It may can, however, for certain applications be constituted by a communication radio of the type, for example, that is used by the rescue services. For

the example in which the radio terminal is a mobile telephone, the transmission takes place over a telephone network 8, via a base station 7, to the telephone 3 via radio link 9.

Furthermore, the radio terminal 3 is caused to transmit ~~transmits~~ the said ID-code over the said a short-range radio link 5 to the ~~said arrangement~~ restricted area 2, as is illustrated by means of the arrow 5.

The ~~said arrangement~~ restricted areas in the form of a computer 2 [[:]], and a door 11, 12 or a transmitter unit in 4, 12 within the ~~said arrangement~~ is thereafter caused to transmit restricted area transmits the said ID-code to the said central computer 1 over a computer network 6, 10, 15.

The said central computer 1 is subsequently caused to compare compares the code that has been received with the code that the central computer transmitted to the radio terminal 3.

A circuit has in this that way been created in which a transmitted code can be compared with a received code. In the case that the codes agree with each other, the central computer 1 can, in the next stage, be caused to transmit a second code to the arrangement computer 2 that makes it possible for the arrangement computer to be used in the manner intended by the user.

Since the central computer 1 transmits an ID-code to a certain particular mobile telephone or other radio terminal 3, it can be assumed that the user of this that mobile telephone is the person who transmits the ID-code to the ~~said arrangement~~ computer 2 over the ~~said~~ short-range radio link 5. Alternatively, the circuit thus can be used in such a manner that a registration comparison of whether the codes agree is made,

which in this that way can be assumed to specify that the correct person is using the arrangement computer, or that the use of the arrangement computer is unauthorised unauthorized.

According to one preferred embodiment, the central computer 1 is initiated to transmit an ID-code to the radio terminal through 3 as a result of either a transmitting device associated with the arrangement restricted area, or the radio terminal transmitting a request for a code to the central computer 1. With respect to the arrangement computer 2, the request can be transmitted over the computer network 6, 10, 15, or, with respect to a mobile telephone, over the mobile telephone network 7, 8, 9.

It is naturally possible to initiate the said circuit at any freely chosen point, i.e., in at the central computer 1, with at the mobile telephone 3, or in at the arrangement computer 2.

According to one preferred design, the said short-range radio link 5 is what is known as an "RFID" link of known type. Such links work in two directions with two transmitting units and two receiving units, or they may can work in one direction only such that one unit transmits an enquiry inquiry signal that is received by, modulated by, and reflected by the a second part in the form or of a transponder. The said ID-code can, for example, be transmitted in this that manner by means of the modulation.

According to an alternative preferred embodiment, the said short-range radio link 5 is what is known as a "Bluetooth" link.

The ~~said arrangement computer 2, or the door 11,~~ and the said radio terminal 3 have in both cases a transmitter/receiver unit 3, 4 [[:]], and 3, 12, respectively for the short range radio link.

According to one preferred design embodiment, the said radio terminal 3 is a mobile telephone comprising constituting one part of the said short-range radio link. The radio terminal 3 is preferably a mobile telephone with an integral Bluetooth function.

A Bluetooth module is thus built into the ~~arrangement computer 2, and the door 11.~~ It is also possible to use another radio technology, such as WLAN (Wireless Local Area Network). However, it is important that the range of the radio link can be made sufficiently short, independently of the technology used, in order to activate access to only the arrangements restricted areas that are intended.

According to one example embodiment, the ~~said arrangement restricted area~~ is a computer (2) 2 or a computer terminal to which access is required.

In ~~this design that embodiment~~, the user can request via the computer 2 a code from the central computer 1 in order to be able to use the computer 2. ~~This That~~ request can contain the ~~ID number~~ ID-code of the user. The central computer 1 thus transmits a the code to the mobile telephone 7 3 of the user, which subsequently transmits the code over the short range radio link 5 to the computer 2. The computer 2 transmits the code to the central computer 1. The central computer in ~~this that~~ way receives confirmation that the correct code has been received by the computer 2, whereby the user can use the computer 2 in the manner that is granted by the said

code. ~~This may~~ That can be a question of full or limited use, such as carrying out financial transactions.

According to a second ~~example embodiment~~, the ~~said arrangement restricted area to which access is to be authorized~~ is a door 11 or a gateway to which access is required ~~such so~~ that it can be opened. In ~~this that~~ case it is preferred that the ~~said arrangement comprises restricted area includes~~ a communicator 12 connected ~~by a communications link~~ to the central computer 1, which communicator 12 is arranged to communicate with the ~~said~~ radio terminal 3 over a short distance using an RFID link or a ~~bluetooth~~ Bluetooth link ~~as short range radio link~~ 13.

According to ~~this example that~~ second embodiment, it ~~may~~ can be a question of rescue personnel being equipped with a radio terminal 3 in the form of a mobile telephone with an integral RFID link or ~~bluetooth~~ a Bluetooth link ~~as short range radio link~~ 13. The communicator 12 is also equipped with such a link. When a fire-fighter, for example, wishes to open the door, he ~~rings to~~ calls the central computer 1 over the telephone network 7, 8, 9 and transmits identifying information about the door that is concerned. ~~This The identifying information can take place through~~ be a numerical designation or ~~through~~ another unique identity identifier.

Alternatively, the telephone 3 communicates through the ~~said short range link~~ 13 with the communicator 12, whereby the number of the mobile telephone is transmitted to the communicator 12. In the latter case, the mobile telephone and door identifying information is transmitted from the communicator 12 to the central computer 1. In both cases, the central computer 1 subsequently transmits a code to the mobile

telephone 3 that, once it has received the code, transmits it to the communicator 12 over the said short range link 13, whereby whereupon the door can be opened.

It is clear that, both in the case with of a computer 2 and in the case with of a door 11, that the code can vary with time, ~~in the case in which when~~ the central computer 1 transmits the code to the radio terminal 3 and to the arrangement respective restricted areas 2; 11. Variation in time makes unauthorised use unauthorized acquisition of the code through eavesdropping of the code significantly more difficult.

According to one preferred embodiment the arrangement communicators associated with the restrictive areas 2; 11 may can be arranged configured to compare the codes received from the computer 1 and from the radio terminal 3.

According to one preferred design embodiment, the code transmitted to the central computer comprises 1 includes a network address belonging to the arrangement respective restricted area 2; 11. This That means that the arrangement restricted area is identified for the central computer 1, and this that not only facilitates the transmission of a code from the central computer 1 to the arrangement respective restricted area, it also increases the security in the system against unauthorised unauthorized use.

According to one design embodiment, the system can be used to ensure that, for example, the right people enter a meeting room. In this that case, a person's transponder, in the form of an RFID circuit or a bluetooth Bluetooth circuit in the mobile telephone of the person, is read by a communicator 12 at the door of the room. The communicator 12 transmits to the central computer 1 a code that refers to is

associated with the person's transponder. The central computer 1 transmits a temporary code to the mobile telephone 3 of the person, which mobile telephone sends the code onwards to the central computer 1 through the communicator 12. A circuit has in this that way been created, in which the central computer has information about the said temporary code, the person's mobile telephone number coupled to that code that was initially read, and the name of the person.

According to another preferred embodiment, the said code is used to encrypt information that is transmitted from the arrangement restricted area to the central computer. The code can in this that way comprise include an encryption key. This That further increases the security against the unauthorised unauthorized use of a code that has been read by eavesdropping.

According to a further preferred embodiment, the said arrangement respective restricted area 2; 11 comprises includes a reading arrangement in communicators 4; 12 in order to read biometric data from of the said user, and in order to cause the said arrangement communicator in the respective restricted area 2; 11 to transmit biometric data to the central computer 1. Such biometric data is transmitted to the central computer 1 for comparison with reference data previously stored in the central computer, in order to further increase the security that it is the correct person that is using the radio terminal 3 or the computer 2. The said reading arrangement 4; 12 for reading biometric data from of the said user may can be a reading arrangement known per se of a suitable type, such as for reading fingerprints or the iris of the eye.

A number of designs embodiments have been described above. It is, however, clear that the invention can be varied, for example with respect to the location at which

the circuit is initiated and started, ~~as can and~~ the number of different arrangements
restrictive areas to be accessed and that that form the said circuit can also be varied.

The present invention, therefore, is not to be seen as limited to the embodiments specified above, since the invention can be varied within the scope of the attached claims.

Claims.

What is claimed is:

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Fig. 1

